



VERNON J. EHLERS

32nd Senatorial District



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Committees: Appropriations; Appropriations Subcommittees on Capital Outlay, General Government, Higher Education, Natural Resources (Chair), and Public Health (Chair); Michigan Capitol Committee; Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs (Vice Chair)

Biography: Republican, of Grand Rapids; born February 6, 1934, at Pipestone, Minnesota; Calvin College 1952-55, University of California-Berkeley A.B., 1955-56, and Ph.D., 1956-60; married to Johanna (Jo) Meulink, 1958; children, Heidi, Brian, Marla and Todd; member and former elder, Eastern Avenue Christian Reformed Church; physicist, professor; 8 years, Kent County Board of Commissioners, 1975-83 (chair, 1979-82); member, Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, American Physical Society, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Scientific Affiliation, and Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals; elected to House of Representatives in November, 1982, and again in 1984; elected House Assistant Republican Floor Leader for 1983-84 and again for 1985-86 session; member of Committees on Colleges and Universities, Conservation and Environment, Public Health and Social Services and Youth; author of numerous scientific articles, co-author of three books and recipient of numerous awards; elected to the Senate March 26, 1985, to fill vacancy; chair, Public and Mental Health Committee; member, Education Committee; member, Economic Development, Trade, and Tourism Committee; vice chair, Higher Education and Technology Committee; elected to second term in the Senate, November 1986 (first full term); elected Assistant President Pro Tempore for 1987-90; chair, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee; vice chair, Health Policy Committee; member, Education and Mental Health Committee and Economic Development Committee; elected to third term in the State Senate, 1990; elected President Pro Tempore for 1991-94.

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